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Protection of Aadhaar Data
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the data breaches and hacking is the regular phenomenon of the information technology;
(b) if so, India's secured rate of prevention of decryption on the privacy and security systems of the public utility services including biometrics therefor;
(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that there have been instances wherein personal identity or information of residents, along with Aadhaar numbers and demographic information and other sensitive personal data have been leaked and published online, if so, the details thereof and the compensation likely to be provided to the individuals; and
(d) the progress of Aadhaar projects in the country and whether the Government further plans for single identification number combining PAN, Aadhaar, Election Card, Ration Card and bank account thereof and if so, the details therefor?

Answer

(a): Data breaches and hacking is possible on the assets of Information Technology if they are not properly secured and configured. No incidents of data breach and hacking have been reported so far in respect of Aadhaar Data and Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR).

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c): There has been no leakage of Aadhaar data from UIDAI. However, some instances have come to the notice of the Government wherein personal identity or information of the residents including Aadhaar number and demographic information and sensitive data such as bank account details collected by several Ministries/State Government Departments in the administration of their welfare schemes has been reportedly published online. The Secretaries of all the Ministries/Departments and the Chief Secretaries of all the State/UTs have been advised by the Government of India in the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology in March 2017 and April 2017 to refrain from such publishing and also that any such contents already published or still appearing publicly may be discontinued with immediate effect.

There is no proposal/provision for providing compensation to individuals in this regard.

(d): As on date, more than 116 crore Aadhaar numbers have been generated for residents of India. Presently, the Government is not considering any proposal of providing a single identification number.

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